

Student Fee Advisory Committee
Meeting Agenda
December 4, 2020

Present: Brynna Downey, Alvin Ho, Venkatesh Nagubandi, May Alvarez, Sarah Avdeef, Mathew Sart, Gloria Qiu, Vivian Pham, Isaac Karth, Sue Carter, Lisa Bishop, Mathew Sarti, Emily Montano, Lydia Jenkins-Sleczkowski, Lucy Rojas, Garrett Naiman (guest)

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda and 11/20/20 [Minutes](#)
 - a. Gloria motions to approve the agenda, May seconds. Motion passes.
 - b. Venkatesh motions to approve the minutes, Alvin seconds. Motion passes.
3. Guest: Associate Vice Chancellor and Dean of Students Garrett Naiman (1:00 - 2:00 pm)
 - a. [Questions from the committee](#)
 - b. Sarah asks what major initiatives the Dean of Students office is heading?
 - i. Garrett shares that budgets are a moral document where we put our money and stand in our values and thanks SFAC for its work.
 - ii. Garrett is looking to support students in a way that makes outcomes more equitable and socially just. One upcoming project is to review the conduct process. Brian Arao will co-chair the committee and there will be strong student representation. First phase is an internal review. There will be an evaluation using our database to explore if there is disproportionate intake of conduct assertions or charges or outcomes of who is responsible. And look at this with demographics. Couple of those will be a qualitative; there will be a review to meet with stakeholders and look at things with language. Some policies can be amended, some we cannot. We will bring in external reviewers. And the committee will bring all of this together and decide if there are things that we need to change, tweak, edit, etc. this may be put into the handbook.
 - iii. Garrett is also working on a project within Student Development and Engagement to have dialogue as a unit around themes relating to trauma and social justice.
 - iv. Another focus is to do more direct communication with students, especially with social media presence.
 - c. Brynna asks what the student climate is like right now? Garrett responds that everyone is struggling with their mental health right now on top of school and work. Transfer students are affected differently too. Lucy is also working on student input through new projects such as a social media directory.
 - d. Brynna says that she is hearing more reports where students are talking about why they are paying campus fees. Garrett responds that in his experience, the more students learn about fees there is more understanding of nuance and

decisions where fees should remain. Fees aren't necessarily funding direct services. There are workers who still need to be paid.

- e. Brynna asks how Garrett's work changed in the remote work environment, in particular basic needs and slug support? Garrett admits that the transition was a challenge. He is constantly trying to think of how to build a community online. Slug Support and Basic Needs were innovative in adapting to the remote environment. Slug Support has since expanded, with Mariah Lyons in an Assistant Dean role. Case managers are now on call all day. There is now a lockbox with resources, and managers can issue E-gift cards. They have also enacted a virtual lobby for Dean of Students operations. There is a running food pantry, pre-packaged meal services, and a grad student basic needs focus. SOMeCA is entirely online and some groups are doing podcasts and sometimes lunchtime cooking hours.
 - f. Gloria asks if the fires caused Slug Support to run into a deficit? Garrett responds no, and it was helpful when the community came together with the fires and contributed funding to Slug Support. They used the money for housing and putting people in hotels.
 - g. Alvin asks if some of the Dean of Students remote operations will continue after the pandemic? Garrett responds that it is possible. There is a lot of value in in-person meetings, though the increased use of ecards is important. The emergency hotline will also remain.
 - h. Garrett previews some topics he may need advice on. He will be going to go on a "mini tour" regarding this sense of belonging and engagement. He is also trying to grow his organization, and with that comes space needs. Finally, he is considering hiring an additional Slug Support case manager with a focus on grad student resources.
4. Announcements & Updates
- a. Upcoming SFAC proposal workshops
 - i. [Funding call presentation](#)
 - 1. Funding calls requests for questions and clarification. First workshop is this sunday. We will do breakout rooms to connect one and one. The more people the better. Is there a chart or document to check if clubs are eligible?
 - 2. Lucy clarifies that as long as the group is a registered organization and they have a FOAPAL it is okay, however we cannot fund groups that are not registered.
 - a. Lydia reminds the group that [some docs are on our website](#)
 - ii. Promote and share flyers ([Flyer 1](#), [Flyer 2](#))
 - 1. Please pass this long for our college. Really important that we have student proposals and sent through SFAC college representatives.

5. Adjournment

- a. Isaac motions to adjourn, Venkatesh seconds. Motion passes.

Upcoming Guests/Topics:

- Interim Director of EOP Aaron Jones (December 11): Consultation on [Measure 68](#)
- Director of Budget and Resource Management Kimberly Register (Next Quarter)